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Federal Communications Commission
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

WT 11-65: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Rural communities have been on the wrong side of the "digital-divide" for too long; especially now, when the world is dominated by access to Internet and run by the newest technology. To put it bluntly, rural communities all over the country have been left in the dust.

Sadly, one of the victims of this divide rural is education. I cannot stress the importance of education in rural counties enough. For some, it is the only chance to prosper and grow socially and economically. Without adequate technology, the learning curve for many in rural communities is heightened dramatically.

I write you today in hopes of changing the trend. As you may know, AT&T and TMobile USA are in the process of a very advantageous merger. As two of America's biggest communications providers, the merger would create a provider that would truly benefit rural communities all over the country.

If the merger goes through, the country will have easy access to AT&T's powerful wireless internet access, coupled with an added \$8 billion dollar investment in improving its infrastructure. With this, AT&T is putting itself in a position to support rural communities by bringing them into the new digital age with relative ease.

Education-wise, this merger is exactly what America needs. With access to the latest technology, students of today, who will be the leaders of tomorrow, have the tools at their disposal to thrive. Keeping students engaged and interested is key to giving them the best education possible.

Please help us by supporting the merger.

Best,

Pastor Titus Deas
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CC:

Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Commissioner Michael Copps

Commissioner Robert McDowell

The Honorable Bill Nelson

The Honorable Marco Rubio

The Honorable Steve Southerland